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Introduced by Sens. SALAZAR, ADDABBO, ASHBY, BRISPORT, COONEY, GIANARIS, GONZALEZ, HARCKHAM, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, JACKSON, KAVANAGH, MAY, RAMOS, RIVERA, SEPULVEDA, TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to directing the New York state energy research and development authority to establish a ride clean rebate program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1885 to read as follows:

§ 1885. Ride clean rebate program. 1. For purposes of this section "eligible purchase" shall mean the purchase of a bicycle with electric assist, as defined in section one hundred two-c of the vehicle and traffic law, or the purchase of an electric scooter, as defined in section one hundred fourteen-e of the vehicle and traffic law, that: (a) has not been modified from the original manufacturer's specifications; (b) uses a battery that has been certified by an accredited testing laboratory for compliance with a battery standard; and (c) such certification or the logo, wordmark, or name of such accredited testing laboratory shall be displayed on packaging or documentation at the time of sale for the product or directly on the product itself.

2. The authority shall develop a program, entitled the ride clean rebate program, to encourage the deployment of bicycles with an electric assist and electric scooters.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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3. The program created pursuant to this section shall include a fifty percent rebate, for eligible purchases, provided that a rebate for an eligible purchase shall not exceed one thousand one hundred dollars ($1,100).

4. No later than one year from the effective date of this section, the authority shall implement and administer this section including rules relating to the forms required to claim a rebate, the required documentation for establishing eligibility for a rebate, procedures and guidelines for claiming a rebate, and the collection of economic impact data from applicants and any other requirements the authority deems necessary. The authority shall determine and publish on its website on an ongoing basis the amount of available funding for rebates remaining in each fiscal year.

5. No later than April first, two thousand twenty-six and annually thereafter, the authority shall issue a report to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate committee on energy and telecommunications and the chair of the assembly committee on energy detailing the status of its program to encourage the deployment of bicycles with an electric assist and electric scooters. Such report shall include:

a. the amount of funding dedicated by the authority for the program in the preceding year;

b. the amount of eligible purchases for which a rebate was awarded;

c. the amount and geographic distribution of rebates; and

d. any other information the authority deems necessary.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.